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GENERAL FREDERICK C. WEYAND, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE U.S. ARMY, BEGAN AN OFFICIAL FOUR-DAY VISIT TO ROMANIA SEPTEMBER 1. THE AMERICAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF IS VISITING ROMANIA AT THE INVITATION OF HIS ROMANIAN COUNTERPART, GENERAL-COLONEL ION COMAN. GENERAL WEYAND'S VISIT COMES ONLY TWO MONTHS AFTER THE VISIT TO CONSTANTA OF THE U.S. NAVY DESTROYER USS WAINWRIGHT AND ONLY FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE VISIT TO THE U.S. OF GENERAL COMAN. THESE EXCHANGES ARE THE FIRST IN THE MILITARY SPHERE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ROMANIA IN MANY YEARS. THEY ARE PART OF AN OVERALL EFFORT OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO EXPAND THE RANGE OF CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. AND ROMANIAN OFFICIALS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL WEYAND'S VISIT THUS FAR INCLUDE A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE HOMELAND HEROES MONUMENT, AND A VISIT TO THE ROMANIAN DEFENSE COLLEGE ON MONDAY, AN INSPECTION OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS NEAR BRASOV YESTERDAY, AND A SIGHTSEEING TRIP TODAY TO MOLDOVA. THE AMERICAN VISITOR AND HIS PARTY HAVE BEEN THE GUESTS OF HONOR AT A SERIES OF LUNCHEONS AND DINNERS GCOEN BY THEIR ROMANIAN HOSTS.

TOMORROW, GENERAL WEYAND WILL TRAVEL TO PLOIESTI TO VISIT
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A ROMANIAN ARMY ARTILLERY TRAINING CENTER AND RETURN TO

BUCHAREST FOR A CALL ON THE ROMANIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE.
THE VISIT ENDS FRIDAY MORNING.
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